

Charge for the
Cleanup Criteria Stakeholder Workgroup

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The Cleanup Criteria Rules are authorized pursuant to Part 201, Environmental Remediation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as amended (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106). The 2010 amendments (2010 PA 228) to Part 201 included the requirement for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to "evaluate and revise the cleanup criteria" and incorporate "knowledge gained through research and studies in the areas of fate and transport and risk assessment and shall take into account best practices from other states, reasonable and realistic conditions, and sound science", as required by Section 20120a(18) of NREPA.

To that end, the DEQ has established a Cleanup Criteria Stakeholder Workgroup to provide input into the process.

The Cleanup Stakeholder Workgroup will be comprised of professionals from academia, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations.

The Workgroup is charged to review the existing rules, and determine if the criteria should be updated.

If the Workgroup supports updating the criteria, the charge will be to:

- Identify guiding principles to be used as the basis for updating the criteria;
- Apply the guiding principles in the selection of assumptions and algorithms to be used in updating the criteria; and
- Provide recommendations to Director Wyant for updating the Cleanup Criteria Rules.